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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Dean JAS A PIKE, N Y Cathedral (St John the Divine) commenting on "communists-in-churches" statement by J B Matthews, exec director, U S Senate Permanent Subcomm on Investigations (see Mining the Magazines): "If this systematic smearing continues, more than the Rosenbergs will have died in our land." . . .

[2] Dr ALBERT P SHIRKEY, pastor Mt Vernon Methodist Church, Washington, D C: "The burning of books is an admission that we are afraid. It is not far from the burning of persons, who might have in their minds the ideas that are in the books." . . . [3] Rev Jos B HUNTLEY, pastor, Broadway Tabernacle (Congregational) N Y C: "Ministers become suspect because, unfortunately, we sometimes find Communists espousing some of the causes that we espouse." . . .

[4] Rep KIT CLARDY (R-Mich) acting chmn House Un-American Activities Comm: "We have no intention of attacking the church or

Quote of the Week

Sen WM F KNOWLAND (R-Calif) acting leader of the Senate: "I think that Pres Rhee was not sufficiently consulted (on truce terms) during the Truman Administration, and I don't think he was sufficiently consulted during the Eisenhower Administration."

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religion. All we are interested in is the exposure of Communists in the clergy, or wherever they may be." . . . [5] Sen ALEXANDER WILEY (R-Wis) chmn Senate For'gn Relations Comm: "The Soviet high command is sitting on a powder keg of subjugated peoples—a keg that could blow sky-high overnight." . . . [6] Sen ROB'T A TAFT (R-Ohio): "Unless there is a big change in the world, this Congress is thru with for'gn aid. I have never seen so much opposition—among Democrats as well as Republicans—to the assistance program."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Why has it been necessary to go to such lengths to satisfy Pres Syngman Rhee of S Korea? What is the secret source of his strength? Actually, the source is not "secret" at all; it is pretty obvious. Rhee is in a strong strategic position. His failure to co-operate would be embarrassing, and could be disastrous. What can he do? For one thing, he might refuse to handle, or seriously delay the handling of supplies at Korean ports. The UN forces are largely dependent upon imports. Again, he might leave our field forces stranded, our supply lines demoralized thru a systematic withdrawal of ROK personnel.

So Rhee will be placated. The next important question, then, is whether Reds will accept these concessions to S Korea in their consideration of truce terms. Why don't we confront Reds with an ultimatum: truce now, or full-scale atomic war? We must keep remind-

ing ourselves that this is not an American conflict, even tho we bear the chief burden. Our UN associates would quickly forsake us in the face of such stiff terms. Whether our own people would stand for atom war is still another question, but an academic one; it won't be tested.

You will hear more of Pres Eisenhower's dramatic plan to "give away" our farm surpluses. The timing is favorable, and it could turn out to be a diplomatic master stroke. To appreciate the full significance of this move you must realize that food shortages are in some degree responsible for riots in E Germany and Poland. And of course there is the chronic threat of famine in China. Food from our horn of plenty poured dramatically into the laps of starving peoples outside the iron curtain should provide a form of edible propaganda the Reds cannot presently counter. Thus we impress wavering Asia and add indirectly to the discontent of the satellites. Hungry men think with their teeth.

Continued drought in Southwest may soon force cattle on the mkt. Cheaper beef now—but you may pay more by yr's end.



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Charles H. Miller



ADVICE—1

This ailing world would be in much better shape if there were as many people willing to fill prescriptions for its cure as to write them.—*Grit*.

AMERICA—Creed—2

My creed for America pleads for a patriotism which leaps over the fence of party prejudice, for a religion which jumps over the wall of intolerance, and for a brotherhood which climbs over the mountains of nat'l separation.—Dr J RICHARD SNEED, *Good Business*.

AMERICA—Russia—3

A Russian now works 38 hrs a wk for food that cost 26 hrs of work in '28. An American, in '28, earned the same food in 12 hrs. Now, he would have to work only 7.—*U S News & World Report*.

ARGUMENT—4

He who has learned to disagree without being disagreeable has discovered the most valuable secret of a diplomat.—BERT E ESTABROOK, *Supervision*.

AUTOMOBILES—Production—5

If all the automobiles produced by the Ford Motor Co were placed bumper to bumper they would stretch 110,953 mi's—more than 4 times around the earth at the equator.—*Record Stockman*.

AVIATION—Agriculture—6

Farmers and ranchers in the U S now operate more than 10,000 planes, about half of them equip-

ped to do spraying and dusting.—LAWRENCE GALTON, *American Mag*.

BEHAVIOR—7

What most persons have taken to be human nature, is actually the acquired behaviour of the person; this may and usually does become a second nature, and this, too, could be called human nature, since it is a function of man's nature in interaction with his environment, but it must not be confused with man's *inborn* nature—and this is exactly where the confusion is usually made.—M F ASHLEY MONTAGU, *Unesco Courier*.

COMMUNISM—8

Talking to an American geologist who had spent 2 yrs working with natives in the Himalaya mountains, Justice Wm O Douglas asked him what his most satisfying accomplishment there was.

The geologist repl'd that the Russians had flooded the country with cheap matches that would seldom light. Whenever he would strike one and it would sputter and go out, he'd toss it aside and say, "Communist matches."

Pretty soon the natives were calling matches that would not light "Communist matches." In time anything that was Communist was in their sight a thing that would not work.—*Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

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This ought to make headlines: Sen Jos R McCarthy is learning Russian! Confesses he speaks it "ne ochen khorosho" ("not very damned well"). The Wis senator thinks it would be "a good idea" for all U S officials to learn Russian, and for Russians to learn our language. "America and Russia are the only 2 big powers in the world."

Rep Norris Cotton (R-NH) was trying tactfully to get rid of a caller—an enthusiastic lady constituent. Finally an idea dawned:

"I think I heard a quorum call," he said, rising to his feet.

"Oh, I am sure you did," the matron agreed. "Isn't it wonderful that you have so many lovely birds around here?"

Talk persists that Mike DiSalle, former fed'l price administrator, will replace Stephen Mitchell as chmn of Democratic Nat'l Comm. But friends say Mitchell has no intention of giving up the job. There's nobody except the nat'l comm itself (which has no scheduled meeting) to fire him. (A President, of course, controls nat'l chmnship of the "in" party.) Oscar Chapman, former Interior Sec'y, wants the Democratic chmnship. Odds are against his ever getting it. Chapman's a Protestant. Catholics have had the party post continuously for more than 30 yrs. Mitchell and DiSalle are Catholics.

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COMMUNISM—Philosophy—9

I will not have a man in a superior position who is not capable of whipping a prisoner to death if need be and without a qualm.—WILHELM ZAISSER, Minister of State Security of the East German "Democratic Republic" quoted by MARTIN O'BRIEN, *Everybody's*, London.

COMMITTEE—Service—10

Uncle Levi Zink says: "I don't serve on committees any more unless they will guarantee that there will be only 3 mbrs, one of them on vacation and the 3rd home with flu."—*Farm Jnl.*

CONVERSATION—11

"I heard that you met Mr Brown's wife the other day. What kind of woman is she?"

"Well," ans'd the second person, "she is the kind that talks for hrs about things that leave her simply speechless." — *Illustrated Wkly of Pakistan.*

COST-OF-LIVING—12

Maybe they call it take-home-pay because there is no other place you can afford to go with it.—*Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.

DEMOCRACY—13

No formal or quantitative method whatever is useful for the spread of democracy. Democracy cannot standardize, proselytize and convert. It can be no missionary without betraying the principles of its very life.—FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, "Against the Steamroller," *Architectural Review* (England).

DEMOCRACY—Communism—14

We shall win the ideological battle in Europe only if we live a superior idea. — JOSEPH DUMAS, member of French parliament.

Mining the Magazines



While the "confidential letters" do not qualify strictly as periodicals, they represent an interesting dep't of modern publishing. Naturally, a number of these letters are issued from the nation's capitol. The Kiplinger Letter, while not the oldest, certainly is the most widely known, and has by far the largest circulation. In celebration of a 30th anniv, Kiplinger recently issued a special souvenir issue, outlining significant developments in each of the past 30 yrs, "partly for fun, partly for thoughtfulness." You may have a free copy. Address The Kiplinger Washington Letter, 1729 N St N W, Washington 6, D C.

John Chamberlain, writing in *Barron's* (6-22) points to an ironic situation: College profs who flocked to gov't 2 decades ago sired a philosophy of progressive taxation against the rich. Now, there are no rich—and college endowments suffer. Corp'ns prove a poor substitute for the Leland Stanfords and Wideners of old.

Even ministers who strongly oppose investigations should make it their business to know what is being written and said on the subject of Communist infiltration of churches. Thus we direct attention to *July American Mercury*. J B Matthews urges that ministers be denied sanctuary; asserts that Communist Party counts heavily on immunity granted wearers of

Publisher's Wkly reminds us that some 7 yrs ago Coward-McCann published Lilly Dache's autobiography, *Talking Through My Hats*. A few copies carried a statement announcing that the holder of the book was entitled to a hat especially designed by Mme Dache. The other day a young woman came into the office to inquire whether the offer was still good. Lilly and Coward-McCann delivered the hat!

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the cloth; lists clergymen said to be following the party line.

In her dept, "If You Ask Me" in *McCall's* (July) Eleanor Roosevelt suggests Senate investigating comm headed by McCarthy should be eliminated; everything possible done to strengthen FBI.

A little late to rescue June grooms, but *July Pageant* features 6 types of women no man should marry. *Candid* (Sep) offsets with "Don't Marry That Man!"

Advertising Age is devoting a section of its classified columns to a non-profit org, called Just-One-Break, Inc. Purpose: to help disabled GI's find employment in advertising or sales promotion. Space devoted wkly to qualifications of a specific vet.

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The sons of men are members
In a body whole related
For of a single essence
Are they each and all created.
When Fortune persecutes with
pain
One member sorely, surely
The other members of the
body

Cannot stand securely.
O you who from another's
troubles
Turn aside your view,
It is not fitting they bestow
The name of "Man" on you.
—SAADI, Iran's most popular
poet. 15

FREEDOM—16

For want of bread many a man
will sell his freedom. For want of
religion many a man will buy an-
other's freedom with bread.—WAL-
TER MUELDER, *Religion and Eco-
nomic Responsibility* (Scribner).

FREEDOM—Lack—17

Overzealous anti-Communists are
trying to force conformity thru
fear. Never since the days of the
Alien and Sedition Laws of 1793
has there been a time when free-
dom to think, freedom to inquire
and freedom to speak were in
greater jeopardy.—PAUL G. HOFF-
MAN, chmn of board, Studebaker
Corp'n.

GRATITUDE—18

When the devil was asked what
type of human is the most diffi-
cult to tempt, he repl'd, "Well, I
never have much luck with a
grateful man."—*Woman's Day*.

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HOME—19

Home should be a place of sun-
shine and flowers, of music and
laughter, a sacred retreat where
one can retire for a few hrs from
the trials and tribulations of the
outside world and can live and
grow surrounded by beauty, inti-
mate companionship and above all,
by love.—JOS C GREW, *Wesleyan
Christian Advocate*.

IDEAS—20

Getting an idea should be like
sitting down on a pin; it should
make you jump up and do things.
—E L SIMPSON, *Good Business*.

KNOWLEDGE—Lack—21

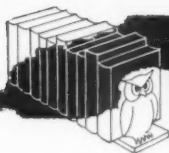
Don't brag about your ignorance.
It costs a lot more in the long run
than education.—RAY D EVERSON,
Indiana Farmers Guide.

KOREA—22

Destruction in S Korea has been
massive and widespread. Of the
country's 21.5 million people, 10
million have been made homeless
by the war, 100,000 war orphans
are in need of homes and medical
care, 300,000 war widows are in
need of immediate assistance, and
15,000 amputees are without artifi-
cial limbs. An est'd \$1.5 billion
worth of homes, bldgs, power fa-
cilities, mfr'g plants and equip-
ment, transport facilities, mining
equipment, ships and other assets
in the Republic of Korea were de-
stroyed by the war. — ELLIOTT
HAYNES, assoc editor *UN World*,
"The Phoenix Called Korea," *UN
World*, 7-53.

LAW—Lawyers—23

Laws are not master, but serv-
ants, and he rules them who obeys
them.—*Arkansas Baptist*.



Book Briefs

We highlight this wk a comment by Holbrook Jackson, a contemporary literary critic, because we have some quarrel with the expressed philosophy. The great books of all ages—treasured, read and remembered — were written primarily to disenchant. One recalls a John Bunyan in his dank prison cell, vowing to remain there "until moss springs from my eyebrows, if so be it I can put on parchment the truth that cries within me." Hardly a picture of an author dedicated to the transient happiness of his reader.

A popular society novelist at the turn of the century (a man whose books are no longer read or remembered) once described himself as a "purveyor of perfumed chloroform." But books have certainly a higher service than to mesmerize the mind. Theirs is the mission of the Make Over, the task of lifting us from Lethargy. Perhaps in these troubled times there is a need for more volumes dedicated to disenchantment.

Out in Salt Lake City, one hot afternoon recently, Mrs Irene M Strieby, chief librarian of Eli Lilly & Co, gave medical librarians a glimpse of what book-borrowers may expect, come 1975.

Service will be a lot faster. Books will be indexed by machines. Considerable talk about micro-cards and mystic IBM symbols, which we didn't clearly under-

We should try to purchase the books which disenchant us least. The one best and sufficient reason for a man to buy a book is because he thinks he will be happier with it than without it.—HOLBROOK JACKSON, *Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.

stand. But books will be charged out automatically. Libraries will be hooked together by electronic equipment to provide a network of resources. Thus small library can quickly obtain facsimiles of articles in the archives of larger neighbors. Television comes in, too. You may scan microfilmed pages reposing in a library mi's away. No more shelf-browsing. There will be still more machines to find and deliver the book of your choice, which as usual, will prove to be out, with a long waiting list. Sounds pretty terrifying. And all we wanted was to ret'n a slightly-overdue copy of *The Cloister* and *The Hearth!*

A couple of the health-food books that have been going great guns are about to hear sad tidings from the Fed'l Trade Commission. Too many superlatives in the ads. Wheat germ and carrot juice just won't do that much for you!

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"Back to normalcy"

WARREN G. HARDING, 29th U S President, who died 30 yrs ago (Aug 2, '23) is remembered for a useful service rendered to our language. Mention of Harding brings inevitably the phrase, "back to normalcy." Intellectuals derided the President's use of the word, but his instincts were more dependable than their didactics. "Normalcy" had long been an accepted term in mathematics.

Harding was a simple man, strongly bound by conventions. It would never have occurred to him to coin a word. Of "normalcy" he said: "I intended neither to invent nor resurrect. 'Normalcy' seemed to me a natural word. I just used it."

He used it often. It appeared, of course, in his inaugural address. But perhaps the 1st recorded instance was in a speech to the Ohio Society of N Y, delivered Jan 10, 1920, more than a yr before the inaugural:

The world does deeply need to get normal. . . I do not mean the old order will be restored. It will never come again. A world war's upheaval . . . sweeps humanity beyond any ret'n to precise pre-war conditions. But there is a sane normalcy due under the new conditions, to be reached in deliberation and understanding.

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LAW—Lawyers—24

Someone has est'd that 30 million laws have been enacted since the days of Moses. While it may be true that none of these statutes has improved perceptibly upon the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, they have certainly created enough confusion to provide for the future growth of the legal profession for many centuries to come.—BENJ FAIRLESS, Chmn of Bd, U S Steel Corp'n.

LIFE—Living—25

The ladder of life is full of splinters, but you never realize it until you begin to slide down.—*Parts Pups*, hm, Genuine Parts Co.

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A wise and good friend once said to me: "If you want to live happily and effectively, you've got to be a participant, not a spectator."—Editorial, *American Mag*.

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Humanity is not a state we suffer. It's a dignity we must strive to win.—VERCORS, *You Shall Know Them* (Little, Brown).

LOVE—26

There is plenty of love without happiness, but happiness never exists without love.—*La Femme et la Vie*, Paris (QUOTE translation).

MAN—27

To an educator, every human being is a separate individual with infinite possibilities. To a Sec'y of Defense, every man or woman is a possible adjunct of the Army or Navy or Air Force. To an economist, each of us is an actual or potential producer of wealth.—WM E BOHN, "Our Most Vital Natural Resource," *New Leader*, 6-29-'53.

Pathways to the Past



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Week of
Aug 2-8
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54th Nat'l Encampment V F W (2-7)

Aug 2—Friendship Day. . . 1st street letter boxes set up (in Boston) 95 yrs ago. (Before that time people had to take their letters to the post office for mailing. Post Office Dep't did not begin *delivering* mail until 1863)...30 yrs ago today Warren G Harding, 29th President of the U S, died in office. (He had been on an extended tour of Alaska and the West. His death occurred suddenly at San Francisco, Calif)...In a revolutionary move, made public 30 yrs ago, the U S Steel Corp'n announced adoption of the 8-hr day. (Up to that time, the standard "day" in steel, and in many other industries, had been 12 hrs).

Aug 3—30 yrs ago, just before dawn, by the light of an oil lamp, in a farmhouse at Plymouth Notch, Vt, John Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th President of the U S. The oath was administered by his father, a justice of the peace.

Aug 4—Feast of St Dominic (founder of the Dominicans, Order of the Preaching Friars). . . *Coast Guard Day*.

Aug 5—Bill Richmond, 1st American citizen to win distinction in the prize ring, b 190 yrs ago. . . 95 yrs ago the 1st cable across the

Atlantic Ocean was completed thru the untiring efforts of Cyrus West Field. It was 1950 statute mi's long, and laid an average of more than 2 mi's deep. (Pres Buchanan and Queen Victoria exchanged complimentary messages via the cable on Aug 16.) Unfortunately, the cable was weak, the current insufficient and service was suspended on Sep 1. . . Bombing of Hiroshima (1st use of the atomic bomb) 8 yrs ago.

Aug 6—Feast of the Transfiguration. . . *Bolivian Independence Day* (anniv of declaration of independence from Peru, 1825). . . 45 yrs ago today you could have bought the 1st of the Model T 4-cylinder Ford automobiles for \$850.50. But that was a lot of money back in 1908!

Aug 7—65 yrs ago the revolving door was pat'd by Theophilus Van Kannell, Philadelphia (1st revolving-door joke probably launched within a fortnight!)

Aug 8—The man who "set the style" for our beautiful New England church architecture — Chas Bullfinch—b 190 yrs ago. Known as "America's 1st professional architect" he was one of the architects of the Capitol in Washington. . . Alger Hiss trial under way in N Y C 5 yrs ago.

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"Of all things!"

Here's set-up on color TV: The Nat'l Television System Comm has been formed under auspices of Radio-Television Mfrs Ass'n to develop standards for a compatible electronics system. Some 200 scientists and engineers from 91 companies are throwing their skill and experience into a common pot. The NTSC hopes to be far enough along on color to ask FCC for a hearing this Fall. FCC would probably not set a date earlier than the Spring of '54. If the system is approved, following exhaustive tests, the way would be open for color TV. But there remains the matter of color-tube production. Some authorities say the industry's production could hardly exceed 2000 to 4000 a month, at the outset. This does not add up to many television sets available in the early days of color television.

W R G Baker, a Gen'l Electric v-p, warns against a common belief that the advent of color television will quickly make all black-and-white sets obsolete. Color television, he believes, may bear some relation to the fine motor car in density of distribution. The mass mkt for color is a long way off. Dr Baker forecasts that a 17-inch color picture receiver will list at \$750 to \$900—and there won't be too many of them. When you consider that good 21-inch monochrome receivers are bracketed at \$250 to \$450, it is clear that color TV will remain for some time a luxury item.

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MUSIC—28

If someone should ask me to give a complete course in music appreciation in one sentence, I think I could give it. It would be this:—Listen to the music, and never by any chance pay any att'n to what anyone writes in explanation of it—least of all, the composer.—DEEMS TAYLOR, *Of Men and Music* (Simon & Schuster).

OBSTACLES—Overcoming—29

In his potentialities, plans and emotions, man must first of all be hedged in by prejudices, traditions, difficulties and limitations of every kind, like a lunatic in his strait-jacket, and only then will whatever he is capable of bringing forth perhaps have some value, solidity and purpose. — ROBT MUSIL, *The Man Without Qualities* (Coward-McCann).

PARENTS—30

A little girl was visiting some friends whose mother seemed to be very cross and impatient. Upon returning the little girl said: "Mother, I don't like Mrs Smith—she hasn't any motherality." — BESS THOMAS, *Christian Science Monitor*.

PATRIOTISM—31

We have read many profound works on patriotism; we have listened to long-winded orators expounding on the privilege and sacred duty of every free man to express his love of country by deed as well as word; but we have never thrilled with the true meaning of *patriotism* as when we heard a small negro Boy Scout, when asked for his definition, answer: "It's jes doin' my dog-gonest to be the bestest that I is." — WAYLAND A DUNHAM, *Toastmaster, Toastmasters Internat'l*.

PERSONALITY—32

Before you crack an eggshell, you don't know in what condition the egg will be. People are much the same, and we should all "crack the outer shell" before we decide what kind of person someone is.—**JEANNE SILLAY, *Power***.

RELIGION—33

A religion that discourages and burdens and throws a cloud over the face of the future is not a religion that can be called a gospel.—**HUGH THOMSON KERR, *Design for Christian Living* (Westminster Press)**.

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For Three Months

The phone rings late,
The house doors slam,
The air is filled with knowledge;
The car is gone,
The food is, too—
Our child is home from college!
—**AMY M REHMUS, *Christian Science Monitor***. 34

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RESOURCES—35

We must get accustomed to knowing that the resources of our planet are practically limitless. We have merely not yet learned how to exploit them. All our thinking is based on the assumption that they are limited. We have used natural products thru necessity, not choice—there being, before the emergence of modern chemistry, no alternative. But this necessity should not be turned into a virtue. Chemistry can in the long run probably make use of every substance. Our wealth does not lie in any special natural resources, but in our chemical knowledge.—**JACOB ROSIN & MAX EASTMAN, *The Road to Abundance* (McGraw-Hill)**.

SOCIAL ORDER—36

It will be urged, man—the individual—sees the world for himself alone—mountains, sky, and sea. Alone in his study he reflects on fate and death. True. But mountains and sea have a meaning to him, precisely because he is articulate-speaking, because he has a socially-molded consciousness. Death, fate, and sea are highly-evolved social concepts. Each individual contributes a little to altering and elaborating them, but how small a contribution compared to the immense pressure of the past.—**CHRISTOPHER CAUDWELL, *Studies of a Dying Culture* (John Lane, London)**.

SPEECH—Speaking—37

A conference without a leader is like a ship without a helmsman—it's apt to wander all over the ocean.—**Banking**.

SUCCESS—Failure—38

Failure: The line of least persistence.—**The Country Drummer**.

TAXES—39

Last yr the average American family of four had an income of \$3,400. It paid out \$1,100 of it in direct and indirect taxes. That \$1,100 would have been enough to buy a \$21 basket of groceries each and every wk of the yr.—**Argonaut**.

WAR—Cost—40

Pres Eisenhower recently pointed out that the following could be bought for the cost of one heavy bomber; modern brick schools for 30 cities, electric power plants for 2 cities, 2 fully equipped hospitals, 50 mi's of concrete highway. —**Bakers Review**.

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Good Stories.....

you can use

A minister and an agnostic often indulged in a friendly discussion of views. After much urging, the agnostic finally agreed to attend a church service the following Sunday. The minister prepared a masterly discourse, to appeal especially to his friend's appreciation of logic.

When the two met on Monday, the agnostic conceded: "I'll say this for your Sunday sermon: it kept me awake until the early hrs of the morning."

The clergyman beamed. "I am happy that I succeeded in making you doubt the wisdom of your convictions."

"Oh," said the other, "it wasn't that. You see, when I nap in the daytime I can't sleep at night."—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. a

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A father took his son on his knee and told him the story of the lost sheep; how it found the hole in the fence and crawled thru; how glad it was to get away; how it wandered so far that it could not find its way back home. And then he told him of the wolf that chased the sheep, and how, finally, the shepherd came and rescued it and carried it back to the fold.

The little boy was greatly interested and when the story was over, he asked: "Did they nail up the hole in the fence?" — *Arkansas Baptist*. b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

C L AXTELL

The young minister was in the pulpit for the first time—and a little nervous. He read the text: "Behold I come." The sermon was to follow immediately, but his mind went blank, and he repeated the text: "Behold I come," hoping to remember the opening words of the sermon—but with no success. Trying to be nonchalant, he leaned forward as he repeated the text for the third time. Under his weight the pulpit gave way and he landed in the lap of the wife of one of the elders. "I'm awfully sorry," he said, much embarrassed. "I really didn't mean for this to happen."

The lady smiled kindly and replied, "Oh, that's all right. I should have been ready after you warned me three times."—*Rotarian*.

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The renowned surgeon remarked condescendingly to the painter Picasso, "My dear sir, your figures are, anatomically speaking, incapable of living."

"So?" commented Picasso. "Well, in spite of that my figures will live longer than yours."—*Weltbild*, Munich (QUOTE translation). c

Wise Cracks

A native of a little New England town was walking down the street one day and as she passed the local bank, she met the banker, who was just stepping out for a mid-morning cup of coffee. Falling into step with her, the banker said:

"Miss Perkins, I've been wanting to ask you why you don't open an account in our bank?"

"I'm sorry," replied the woman, "but I've always kept my money home in an old stocking."

"But think of all the interest you lose that way," said the banker.

"No, I don't," snapped the woman. "I put a little bit extra in every month."—DAN BENNETT. d

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Fred Allen has been offered fabulous sums just to put in an appearance at some of the Las Vegas night spots. He has consistently refused.

"They offered me \$15,000 just to get on the train," he says. "But why should I go to Las Vegas when the gov't gets all the money anyway? I'm just a middleman for the gov't. Let the gov't go to Las Vegas!" — ERSKINE JOHNSON, NEA Syndicate. e

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It was the poor attendance at the group of clubs where he had agreed to speak, which finally led the noted lecturer to remark: "Most public speaking seems to be quite private."—SANDIE STEVENS. f

The good old days: When you got the landlord to fix anything by just threatening to move.—Tit-Bits, London.

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A kid first realizes he has growing pains when he has to start paying adult prices, wherever he goes.—Gowrie (Ia) News.

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In the good old days people turned over in their graves. Now they turn over in their cars first.—Processing Equipment News.

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There are many complaints about the weather, but probably not nearly so many as there would be if the gov't regulated it instead of predicting it.—Grit.

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My idea of a good vacation spot is one where the term dressing up means changing from a tee shirt to a sport shirt.—ARCH JARRELL, Grand Island (Nebr) Independent.

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Old age is when you find yourself using one bend-over to pick up two things.—Service Station Selling, hm, Bowes Seal Fast Corp'n.

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July is the month when the farmers let the cows out of their barns and let the actors in.—Wall St Jnl.

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As the Communist speaker droned on, the American newspaperman's son pulled out his drawing pad and began to sketch a likeness of the Red advocate. The speaker, finding he was losing his audience's att'n to the sketch-maker, asked to see the drawing.

"Not bad," the Red orator commented, "only you made me too fat, did you want to make me look like a Christian Democrat?"

"Not at all," repl'd the young American, "I wanted you to look more like Malenkov."

A ripple of mirth spread thru the crowd in Italy, reports *Christian Science Monitor* correspondent Edmund Stevens, whose son it was that drew the sketch. — JAS PHILIP BIGLEY, "Tyrants Must Die," *Eagle*, 7-8-'53.

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A Communist recruiter is trying to get an E German to join the Communist Party, and is telling him that Russia is an agricultural paradise.

"Just think of it," he boasts, "the Soviet Union gets four wheat crops every yr."

"But how can that be possible?" asks the German.

"Perfectly simple," speaks up a bystander, "one wheat crop from Russia, one from Poland, one from Czechoslovakia, and one from E Germany." — JOHN B CRANE, *Omaha World-Herald*.

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When they held the last scholastic art exhibit at a Minneapolis loop dep't store, one of the pictures that drew some att'n was an abstract painting with a \$50 price tag.

A couple of teen-agers stopped before the painting. They made out the price tag, all right, but that was about all.

"Fifty dollars," one exclaimed, "for that."

"Oh," the other shrugged, "that's not much for one of the screwy kind." — *Minneapolis Tribune*. g

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The hometown football team was having a bad afternoon. Everything they tried went wrong. Their passes were intercepted, their line bucks were failures, and their end plays only brought them a loss. The capt signalled desperately to the coach, "What will we do now?"

The coach immediately signalled back, "Try fumbling." — *Lampoon*. h

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A small boy was boasting of the skill he had acquired at summer camp.

"And I suppose you learned to swim like a fish," his uncle remarked.

"Oh, better," the boy repl'd.

"Is that possible?"

"Sure," he scoffed. "I can swim on my back!" — ADRIAN ANDERSON, *World Digest*, London. i

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One of the test questions asked a class of youngsters was:

"What can be done to help prevent floods?"

Later, while grading the papers, the teacher ran across this answer: "Floods can be prevented by putting big dames in the river." — *Argonaut*. j

The minister came to dinner with his collar unbuttoned. "I have a very painful boil on my neck," he apologized, "but then, we must endure such misfortunes with patience. Suffering is inflicted on us at times to try us."

The little 6-yr-old listened and then inq'd: "Well, if you're supposed to suffer, why don't you button up your collar?"—*Kroehler News*, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co. **k**

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One sign of the times comes from a grade school geography teacher, one of whose pupils ans'd a test question, "Where is the English Channel?" with "I'm not sure, but we can't get it on our TV set."—*Boston Globe*. **l**



Ship Shape

The Navy has now come up with itchless heavy underwear. — *News item*.

With underwear that's itchless,
A marvelous improvement,
Our Navy now is twitchless—
There's only forward movement.

With bodies of our he-men
No longer sadly sore,
Our able-bodied seamen
Are abler than before.

Instead of down-the-hatching
To shoulder blades and neck,
Instead of always scratching,
All hands are now on deck.

In Scotland a motorist had a nasty shock when a large farm cart turned, without warning, into a side rd.

Having avoided a collision by nothing short of a miracle, the enraged motorist chased after the cart and shouted to the driver: "You blithering ass; why didn't you put your hand out to show that you were turning in here?"

"Uch, don't be daft," was the reply, "I always go doon this rd."—*Tit-Bits*, London. **m**

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A school inspector was questioning some boys. "Can you take your warm overcoats off?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can the bear take his warm overcoat off?"

"No, sir."

"Why not?"

This poser met with a long silence. Finally a little one spoke up. "Please, sir, because only God knows where the buttons are."—*Capper's Wkly*. **n**

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A girl called on a farmer in response to an ad for a shepherd. "No, no, lassie," said the farmer. "I advertised for a shepherd, not a shepherdess."

"I know that," replied the girl; "but surely there's no reason why the work should not be undertaken by a woman?"

"Well, a woman tried it once and made a mess of the job," explained the farmer.

"And who was she?"

"Bo-Peep!"—*Tit-Bits*, London. **o**

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Quote-ettes

Mrs WALTER P REUTHER, wife of CIO president: "I think housewives should have their own trade union, but my husband hasn't gotten around to organizing it." 1-Q-t

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ART B THOMAS, fined \$10 for speeding at 40 mph thru Lenox, S D, in an '08 Model T Ford: "I was only hitting on 3 cylinders. If I had been hitting on all 4, I doubt if they could have caught me." 2-Q-t

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Dr FORREST G ("Phog") ALLEN, Univ of Kansas basketball coach, explaining requirements for athletic advancement: "You can't have a Charley-horse above the ears and get anywhere." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the NEW

Enjoy vacation sights in true color with new sun glasses that absorb 85% of sun's rays and leave remaining 15% with no color distortion. RayOban G-15 lenses are the result of 5 yrs' research by Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.

Also for your travels, a safe detergent in handy envelope, the right am't to use in a bathroom basin of water. Safe for silk, nylon, orlon, woolens. Twenty envelopes for \$1. (Trav, 911 Washington Ave, St Louis, Mo)

For transporting the family pet, a kennel made of corrugated paper. The kennel is waterproof and shockproof. (Financial World,

86 Trinity Place, N Y 6, N Y) ..

For picnics and trips: A portable cooler that weighs only 2 lbs and holds 12 bottles. Keeps beverages or food cold 12 to 24 hrs—or hot for 6 hrs. Shoulder strap has bottle opener attached. \$5.95. (Domestic Film, Box 110, Millersburg, Ohio)

One application of new stick repellent is said to keep mosquitoes away for hrs. A touch of it also kills a tick or chiggers. It's non-greasy, won't stain clothing, has a pleasant odor and can be used on babies. 98 cents. (Wilco, Dept PP, 2123 Pine, St Louis 3, Mo)

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